

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, water is our most valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for our economy and the quality of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, any measure of a successful society - low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety - are in some way related to access to safe water; and

WHEREAS, we are all stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations depend; and

WHEREAS, each citizen of our state is called upon to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues by getting to know their water;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013 as

DRINKING WATER WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 18th day of April, A.D. 2013.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", is written over a horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor